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TO: Chief, TRD
FROM: Chief, STB
SUBJECT: Proposed Use of Cover Names for Students

1. At the regular meeting of the Chief Instructors of STB on 24 March, the matter of cover names for students in STB was discussed. The following conclusions were reached:

a. Use of cover names for and by students while in training is desirable because of the additional security afforded to the students and to the organization.

b. The cover names should be given names, derivatives of given names or nicknames relating if possible to the students' actual given names. This would make the assigning of pseudonyms unnecessary and would avoid the difficulties which have resulted in connection with the use of pseudonyms assigned by branches.

c. If all students have these cover names and are adequately briefed by the instructors, they are all put in the same situation and will develop more security consciousness and less curiosity in meeting each other in or out of class than at present.

d. In order to avoid duplication, the cover names should be assigned at a central control point before the students begin their training. The detailed mechanism will have to be worked out.

2. Although unable to be at this meeting, I concur in these conclusions and recommend that the use of cover names be put into effect as soon as the mechanism can be worked out. [redacted] office would seem to be the most logical control point. It is noted that this system was used successfully during OSS training.

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